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EXDIS FOR GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UR, US, PFOR

SUBJECT: SHIPMENTS OF MATZO TO USSR

REF: MOSCOW 5844, PARA. 4

1. WE ARE INFORMED BY RABBI SCHERER THAT MATZO SHIPMENTS FROM ZURICH WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET EMBASSY LAST WEEK ARE STILL BEING HELD IN MOSCOW POST OFFICE AS OF APRIL 19. SCHERER SAYS NYT HAS "PART" OF THIS STORY, WHICH HE FEARS COULD BECOME EMOTIONAL ISSUE WHEN IT BECOMES PUBLIC. RELEASE OF SOME OR ALL OF SHIPMENT BEFORE LAST DAY OF PASSOVER (WEDNESDAY) COULD STILL HELP SITUATION.

2. WE HAVE PASSED ON SUBSTANCE OF THIS TO SOVIET EMBASSY (YERESKOVSKIY) BUT GARRISON MAY WISH TO RAISE ISSUE IF AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA OFFICIALS. ROBINSON

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